## ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



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Honorable Kay Ivey Governor State of Alabama 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Ivey,

On behalf of all Licensed Massage Therapists in this great state, the Board and I are contacting you for consideration to advance their eligibility to receive the COVID-19 Vaccination. Licensed Massage Therapists provide a great service to the citizens of this state to relieve aches and pains from injuries, stress, and everyday life. We humbly request our licensees become eligible to receive this vaccination as soon as possible for their ability to continue these services in a safer environment due to the close proximity of human contact in performance of their services.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact Foad Araiinejad (<a href="mailto:mindandbodyal@gmail.com">mindandbodyal@gmail.com</a>), Chair of the Board or myself, Keith E. Warren (<a href="mailto:keith@alstateboard.com">keith@alstateboard.com</a>), Executive Director, if we can be of any further assistance or provide any additional information regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith E. Warren Executive Director

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